



## Drug Shortage Update

Fluorescein ophthalmic strips – supplies available  
 Atropine 1% ophthalmic drops – shortage resolved

### The issue:

The vendor has released stock of fluorescein ophthalmic strips. Please note supplies of fluorescein strips are intermittent and there still is a risk of stocking out.

The shortage of Baush & Lomb's atropine 1% ophthalmic minims is now resolved.

Novartis discontinued manufacturing atropine 1% ophthalmic drops in 5 mL dropper bottles earlier this year. PharmaStulln is a new manufacturer who is now planning to supply atropine 1% ophthalmic drops in 15 mL dropper bottles within the next several weeks.

### Practice Implications:

Pharmacy stock of fluorescein ophthalmic strips and atropine 1% ophthalmic minims are being replenished. We will begin stocking atropine 1% ophthalmic drops in 15 mL dropper bottles when it becomes available.

Thank you to NH staff and physicians for your patience during these shortages.

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Drug Discontinuation	
Medication Change	
Recall	
Drug Shortage Resolution	✓
Formulary Changes	

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